THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The proposal has not been found justifiable.

target of procuring sleepers

2184. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the target of procuring sleepers from different State Forest Departments or Corporations during the last three years; year-wise and the amount spent by Government in procuring these wooden sleepers: and

(b) what is the target for 1987-88 and the amount to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) The target procurement and cost of wooden track sleepers procured during the last three Sleeper Years (Sleeper Year being from 1st November to 31st October of next year) are approximately as under:—

Year	Quantity (In Nos.)	Approximate cost (Rs. in crores)
1984-85 . . .	33.02.000	69.40
1985-86 . . .	27,67,000	73.80
1986-87 . . .	21.66.000	59.48
TOTAL		202.68

(b) The target procurement of wooden track sleepers for 1987-88 Sleeper Year is 12 lakh numbers. The cost of these track sleepers is around Rs. 33.90 crores at the rates prevailing in 1986-87 Sleeper Year. This cost will go up depending upon the increase in prices of sleepers for the Sleeper Year 1987-88 which is awaited from the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

Introduction of E.M.U. local in Howrah Bardhaman

2185. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce another E.M.U. local in between 7.48 p.m. and 9.25 p.m. and between 9 25 p.m. and last train 11.03 p.m. in view of the plight of the passengers of the Howrah Bardhaman Chord line;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the reasons for the discrimination towards this section which was neglected by the Railways since long?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) After discussions with the local passenger associations, one additional pair of EMU trains has been introduced between Howrah-Baruipara and three pairs between Howrah-Baruipara have been extended upto Chandanpur from 26th January, 1988. One of the extended locals leaves Howrah at 8.20 p.m.

(c) Both main line and chord line routes between Howrah -Bardhaman have been provided with adequate train services.

Facilities at Kharagpur and Adra

2186. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even the minimum prescribed facilities are not available at the Railway stations between Kharagpur and Adra;

(b) if so, what are details thereof; and

(c) what steps have so far been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Basic Passenger Amenities are provided in all stations between Kharagpur and Adra except at two passenger halts, namely (1) Bogri Road and (2) Anchuri where there is no Waiting Shed.

(b) and (c) Provision of Waiting Shed at Bogri Road and Anchuri is being processed for inclusion in the Railway's Works Programme 1988-89.

Enrolment under Adult Education Programme

2187. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons enrolled in the Adult Education Programme during the last three years; year-wise and State-wise details thereof; and

(b) what is target fixed in this regard for the year 1988-89; State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) A statement is attached. (*See* below).

(b) The State-wise targets for 1988-89 under Adult Education Programme are under finalisation.

Statement

Sl. No.	States/UTs.	No. of persons enrolled during		
		1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	362630	379749	284132
2	Arunachal Pradesh	19868	24077	23867
3	Assam	283074	174327	187929
4	Bihar	673217	699449	1371583
5	Goa*	3158	1658	2810
6	Gujarat	360024	333352	342259
7	Haryana	154381	189567	173572
8	Himachal Pradesh	24250	40221	40017
9	Jammu & Kashmir	83771	81941	34967
10	Karnataka	368535	399191	430082
11	Kerala	16609	77559	42331
12	Madhya Pradesh	678375	783919	764963
13	Maharashtra	537811	675280	639220
13	Manipur	34195	54764	54455
15	Meghalaya	6119	24882	11722

*Includes Daman & Diu.